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1. AT REQUEST OF EMBASSY ABDELSALAM ABOULELA CHECKED WITH AIC'S HASSAN BILLAIL, WHO ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED HOEY'S STORY. WE DOUBT GOS WILL WANT TO BUCK UP AGAINST KUWAITIS ON THIS MATTER, PARTLY BECAUSE OF PRESUMED ENTHUSIASM MIN INDUSTRY FOR S/K PROJECT AND PARTLY BECAUSE SUDAN CANNOT AFFORD IRRITATE KUWAITIS, WHO HELP BANKROLL THE COUNTRY.

2. UNDERSTAND FROM DAOUD ABDELLATIF THAT FOR MIN JAMAL MOHAMED AHMED RAISED CEMENT PLANT QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WHO GAVE CEMPRO HIS FULL SUPPORT (TRIAD SAYS SAME, EXCEPT TO ADD " AS PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT"). WE THUS DOUBT THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF REVOCATION CEMPRO LICENSE. ON THE OTHER HAND, S/K MAY BE PLAYING GAME (OF WHICH AIC REFUSAL IS PART) OF TRYING FORCE CEMPRO OUT OF SUDAN PICTURE SO THAT SITE IT HAS DISCOVERED WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO S/K.

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3. ECON OFF HAS CONTINUALLY MADE CLEAR TO CEMPRO

INVESTORS ALL THEIR EGGS SHOULD NOT BE THROWN INTO
AIC BASKET, DUE JUST THIS SORT OF POSSIBILITY.
ACCORDINGLY, FOR PROJECT TO REGAIN MOMENTUM, WE
RECOMMEND KH, FINN AND HILL COME OUT HERE AS SCHEDULED,
IF POSSIBLE WITH ALTERNATIVE, ALL-PRIVATE FINANCING
PROPOSAL IN HAND (FIRST BOSTON POSSIBILITY LOOKS
GOOD TO US). WE WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENT
WITH MIN FINANCE AS REQUESTED.

4. FOR MIN JAMAL MOHAMED AHMED NOT RPT NOT IN
LONDON BUT IN KHARTOUM. SO IS AMB. DENG. U.S. AMBASSADOR WILL
MENTION TO HIM YOUR ARRIVAL PLANS AND YOUR DESIRE MEET WITH
BIHEIRY.

5. WE'RE TRYING TO GET GROUP RESERVATIONS IN
EXCELSIOR AND OASIS. WILL ADVISE WHEN CONFIRMED.
EMBASSY CAR WILL MEET GROUP. CAR RENTAL NO GREAT
PROBLEM. BREWER

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